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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, WALTER REED NATIONAL MILITARY
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DIRECTOR, FORT BELVOIR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
DIRECTOR, JOINT PATHOLOGY CENTER
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INTREPID CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

SUBJECT: Tobacco Use within the National Capital Region Medical Directorate

- References:
- (a) 41 CFR 102-74.315, "Facility Management Regulations (Smoking)," September 21, 2012
 - (b) 3 CFR 1997, pg. 216, "Federal Management Regulation Policy Update Smoking Restriction," December 19, 2008
 - (c) Executive Order 13058, "Protecting Federal Employees and the Public from Exposure to Tobacco Smoke in the Federal Workplace," August 9, 1997
 - (d) DoD Instruction 1010.10, "Health Promotion and Disease Prevention," April 28, 2014
 - (e) NAVSUPACT Bethesda Instruction 6240.1, "Tobacco Use on Naval Support Activity Bethesda," December 2, 2013
 - (f) U.S. Army Medical Command Policy Memorandum, Medical Command (MEDCOM), "Tobacco Free Living Policy," September 27, 2013
 - (g) Air Force Instruction 40.102, "Tobacco Use in the Air Force," March 26, 2012

This policy applies to Service members, civilian personnel, volunteers, contractors, residents, and patients and visitors at National Capital Region Medical Directorate facilities. These facilities include Walter Reed National Military Medical Center to include the DiLorenzo Clinic and the Tri-Service Dental Clinic; Fort Belvoir Community Hospital to include the Dumfries and Fairfax Clinics; and the Joint Pathology Center, hereafter, these facilities are collectively referred to as Joint Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) and Centers.

In accordance with References (a) and (b), it is NCR MD policy to:

- Enhance mission readiness, unit performance, and the health and fitness of members of the Military Services, medical beneficiaries, and civilian DoD employees through the creation of a culture within the NCR MD that:
 - Values health, fitness, and a safe and injury-reduced environment.
 - Provides healthy environments within the Joint MTFs and Centers.
 - Promotes tobacco cessation while protecting Service members, medical beneficiaries, civilian DoD employees, and visitors from exposure to toxins found in environmental tobacco smoke.

- The use of tobacco products, including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, dip, or other tobacco products, are prohibited at all times within the Joint MTFs and Centers. Ash receptacles and spittoons are not available within the Joint MTFs and Centers.
- All smokers are directed to designated smoking areas following References (c) and (d). NCR MD employees, patients and guests must use tobacco only in designated locations on that installation or MTF property. Military installations may have additional smoking policies. Where an MTF operates on a civilian property, additional smoking policies may be implemented by contract or state law.

It is the responsibility of all NCR MD military and civilian personnel, contractors, patients and guests to comply with this policy while at Joint MTFs and Centers. Under References (e) through (g), Military and Civilian personnel who do not conform to this policy are subject to administrative action. Contractors who do not conform to this policy will be reported to their supervisor at the contracting organization. Guest and patients who do not conform to this policy will be escorted from the Joint MTFs and Centers.

Supervisors and managers are responsible for ensuring that all subordinate employees are notified of this policy and should take appropriate administrative action to correct non-compliance.

The point of contact for additional information related to this action is Ms. Clodeth Findlay, Chief Personnel Branch. Ms. Findlay may be reached at (301) 319-4789, or clodeth.c.findlay.civ@mail.mil.


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